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Atty Docket No.: 200309594-1  
App. Ser. No.: 10/698,829**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application, of which, Claims 1, 16, and 24 are independent. In addition, Claims 1-34 are subject to a Restriction requirement.

**Restriction Requirement**

The aforementioned Restriction Requirement asserts that the present application contains claims that are directed to two distinct inventions. As defined in the Official Action, these inventions are:

Group I: Claims 1-15 and 24-34, directed to an optical display with TIR light guides.

Group II: Claims 16-23, directed to a method of making a display device.

A restriction requirement has been imposed requiring an election of one of the two groups on the alleged basis that the above-identified groups are distinct from each other. In addition, the Official Action alleges that the search required for one of the groups is not required for the other group.

In response to that restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I, directed to Claims 1-15 and 24-34.

The election is made with traverse, because it is believed that all of the claims of this application can be examined at the same time without serious burden. The search required

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for the non-elected group would likely be co-extensive with that required for the elected group.

As such, the search required for elected Claims 1-15 and 24-34 will, in most likelihood, encompass a search for non-elected Claims 16-23. As stated in Section 803 of the MPEP, "If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions."

It is thus submitted that no serious burden would result if all of the embodiments of this application were examined concurrently. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all of the claims contained in this application, are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would assist in resolving any issues pertaining to the above-identified application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection  
with this request to deposit account no. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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